

amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary prescription drug benefit under the Medicare program and to strengthen and improve the Medicare program. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed until a later date.

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Representative Capps announced her intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on the bill.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H9985.

Senate Referral: S. 247 was ordered held at the desk.

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Presidential Messages: Read messages from the President wherein he transmitted a report concerning the National Emergency with Respect to the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108–138); and a report concerning the National Emergency with Respect to Sudan—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed. (H. Doc. 108–139).

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H10131.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:13 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Agriculture: Ordered reported the following measures: H.J. Res. 74, recognizing the Agricultural Research Service of the Department of Agriculture on the occasion of its 50th anniversary for the important service it provides for the Nation; H.R. 1367, amended, National Veterinary Medical Services Act; H.R. 2304, amended, to resolve boundary conflicts in the vicinity of the Mark Twain National Forest in Barry and Stone Counties, Missouri, that resulted from private landowner reliance on a subsequent Federal survey; H.R. 3157, amended, to provide for the designation of a Department of Agriculture disaster liaison to assist State and local employees of the Department in coordination with other disaster agencies in response to a federally declared disaster area as a result of a disaster; and H.R. 3217, to provide for the conveyance of several small parcels of National Forest System land in the Apalachicola National Forest, Florida, to resolve boundary discrepancies involving the Mt. Trial Primitive Baptist Church of Wakulla County, Florida.

IRAQ RECONSTRUCTION AND STABILITY OPERATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on “Iraq Reconstruction and Stability Operations: The Way Forward.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PENSION UNDERFUNDING CRISIS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing on “The Pension Underfunding Crisis: How Effective Have Funding Reforms Been?” Testimony was heard from Barbara Bovbjerg, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

WORLD BANK LENDING TO IRAN

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology held a hearing on World Bank lending to Iran. Testimony was heard from William Schuerch, Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Development, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY—A NEW HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization held an oversight hearing entitled “Decision Time: A New Human Resources Management System at the Department of Homeland Security.” Testimony was heard from Ronald L. James, Chief Human Capital Officer, Department of Homeland Security; Steven R. Cohen, Senior Adviser, Homeland Security, OPM; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management held an oversight hearing entitled “Agency Compliance with FFMIA—Private Sector Views.” Testimony was heard from Sally Thompson, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO; and public witnesses.

INTERNATIONAL SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING—ONGOING TRAGEDY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness held a hearing entitled “The Ongoing Tragedy of International Slavery and Human Trafficking: An Overview.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: John Miller, Director, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons; and Kent Hill, Assistant Administrator, AID; and public witnesses.

ASIA AND THE PACIFIC—CHALLENGE OF TERRORISM

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific and the Subcommittee on International Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Human Rights held a joint hearing on the Challenge of Terrorism in Asia and the Pacific. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: J. Cofer Black, Ambassador-at-Large, Coordinator for Counterterrorism; Christina B. Rocca, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South Asian Affairs; and Matthew P. Daley, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Timothy D. Hoyt, Associate Professor, Strategy and Policy, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

U.S. AND EUROPE—IMPORTANCE OF STRONGER RELATIONS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Europe approved for full Committee action H. Res. 390, recognizing the continued importance of the transatlantic relationship and promoting stronger relations with Europe by reaffirming the need for a continued and meaningful dialogue between the United States and Europe.

CENTRAL ASIA: TERRORISM, RELIGIOUS EXTREMISM, AND REGIONAL STABILITY

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia held a hearing on “Central Asia: Terrorism, Religious Extremism, and Regional Stability.” Testimony was heard from A. Elizabeth Jones, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State; Stephen Blank, Professor, Strategic Studies Institute, U.S. Army War College, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; AMERICAN SAMOA—PROTECT VOTING RIGHTS OF ARMED SERVICES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following measures: H. Con. Res. 237, honoring the late Rick Lupe, lead forestry technician for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Fort Apache Agency, for his dedication and service to the United States and for his essential service in fighting wildfires and protecting the environment and communities of Arizona; H.R. 154, amended, to exclude certain properties from the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources; H.R. 265, amended, Mount Rainier National Park Boundary Adjustment Act of 2003; H.R. 280, amended, National Aviation Heritage Act; H.R. 421, Environmental Policy and Conflict Resolution Advancement Act of 2003; H.R. 506, amended, Galisteo Basin Archaeological Sites Protection Act; H.R. 958, amend-

ed, Hydrographic Services Amendments of 2003; H.R. 1594, amended, St. Croix National Heritage Area Study Act; H.R. 1618, amended, Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area Act; H.R. 1629, Upper Missouri River Breaks Boundary Clarification Act; H.R. 1648, Carpinteria and Montecito Water Distribution Systems Conveyance Act of 2003; H.R. 1732, Williamson County Water Recycling Act of 2003; H.R. 1862, amended, Oil Region National Heritage Area Act; H.R. 1964, amended, Highlands Stewardship Act; H.R. 2408, amended, National Wildlife Refuge Volunteer Act of 2003; H.R. 2425, amended, Quinalt Permanent Fisheries Fund Act; H.R. 2489, amended, Cowlitz Indian Tribe Distribution of Judgment Funds Act; H.R. 2584, to provide for the conveyance to the Utrok Atoll local government of a decommissioned National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ship; H.R. 2707, amended, Salt Cedar and Russian Olive Control Demonstration Act; H.R. 2715, to provide for necessary improvements to facilities at Yosemite National Park; H.R. 2907, amended, Northern Arizona National Forest Land Exchange Act of 2003; H.R. 3209, to amend the Reclamation Project Authorization Act of 1972 to clarify the acreage for which the North Loup division is authorized to provide irrigation water under the Missouri River Basin project; S. 523, Native American Technical Corrections Act of 2003; S. 625, Tualatin River Basin Water Supply Enhancement Act of 2003; S. 677, Black Canyon of the Gunnison Boundary Revision Act of 2003; S. 924, to authorize the exchange of lands between an Alaska Native Village Corporation and the Department of the Interior; and S. 1233, National Great Black Americans Commemoration Act of 2003.

The Committee also held a hearing on H.R. 2010, to protect the voting rights of members of the Armed Services in elections for the Delegate representing American Samoa in the United States House of Representatives. Testimony was heard from Aitofele Sunia, Lt. Governor, Pago Pago, American Samoa.

CONFERENCE REPORT—FLIGHT 100—CENTURY OF AVIATION REAUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 9 to 3, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2115, Flight 100—Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representatives Mica, Oberstar and DeFazio.

SAME-DAY CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE RELATING TO EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS CONFERENCE REPORT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 9 to 3, a resolution waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The resolution applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of October 30, 2003, providing for consideration or disposition of a conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 3289) making emergency supplemental appropriations for defense and for the reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

NASA'S ORGANIZATIONAL AND MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on NASA's Organizational and Management Challenges in the Wake of the Columbia Disaster. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: Adm. Frank L. Bowman, USN, Director, Naval Nuclear Propulsion (Naval Reactors); Rear Adm. Paul Sullivan, USN, Deputy Commander, Ship Design Integration and Engineering, Naval Sea Systems Command; Adm. Harold Gehman, USN, (Ret), Chairman, Columbia Accident Investigation Board; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine Palestinian education, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Treasury Department's report to Congress on international economic and exchange rate policy, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the universal service, 10 a.m., SD-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 1241, to establish the Kate Mullany National Historic Site in the State of New York, S. 1364, to amend the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act to authorize the payment of expenses after the death of certain Federal employees in the State of Alaska, S. 1433, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance in im-

plementing cultural heritage, conservation, and recreational activities in the Connecticut River watershed of the States of New Hampshire and Vermont, and S. 1462, to adjust the boundary of the Cumberland Island Wilderness, to authorize tours of the Cumberland Island National Seashore, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 1097, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to implement the CalFed Bay-Delta Program, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold a closed briefing to examine U.S. policy directions relating to Syria, 9 a.m., SH-219.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine U.S. policy directions relating to Syria, 10:15 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings to examine combating transnational crime and corruption in Europe, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on African Affairs, with the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, Subcommittee on Children and Families, to hold joint hearings to examine a report relative to HIV/AIDS Codel to Africa, 3 p.m., S-211, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Aging, to hold hearings to examine financial abuse and exploitation of the elderly, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Subcommittee on Children and Families, with the Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold joint hearings to examine a report relative to HIV/AIDS Codel to Africa, 3 p.m., S-211, Capitol.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 1720, to provide for Federal court proceedings in Plano, Texas, S. 710, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that aliens who commit acts of torture, extrajudicial killings, or other specified atrocities abroad are inadmissible and removable and to establish within the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice an Office of Special Investigations having responsibilities under that Act with respect to all alien participants in war crimes, genocide, and the commission of acts of torture and extrajudicial killings abroad, S. Con. Res. 58, expressing the sense of Congress with respect to raising awareness and encouraging prevention of stalking in the United States and supporting the goals and ideals of National Stalking Awareness Month, a proposed resolution recognizing that November 2, 2003, shall be dedicated to "A tribute to Survivors" at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, and the nominations of Henry W. Saad, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Dora L. Irizarry, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, William K. Sessions III, of Vermont, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission, D. Michael Fisher, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Janice R. Brown, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, and David L. Huber, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.